

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

YEUNG et al.

Group Art Unit: uanssigned

Continuation of  
Application No. 10/070,531

Examiner: unassigned

Filing Date: October 7, 2003

For: METHOD OF ANALYZING MULTIPLE  
SAMPLES SIMULTANEOUSLY BY  
DETECTING ABSORPTION AND  
SYSTEMS FOR USE IN SUCH A  
METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and/or Substitute Form PTO-1449 ("Form 1449") are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- ☐ A copy of a foreign search report from a counterpart foreign application is enclosed herewith.
- ☒ References AA-AD and AF listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and a copy of each reference was furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner

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is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with § 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC § 120 in which copies of the reference were previously furnished are set out below:

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U.S. APPLICATIONS.	U.S. FILING DATE	PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
1. 10/070,531	05 June 2002		X	
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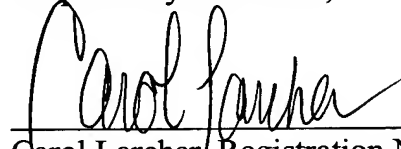
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Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials <sup>1</sup>	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
		Patent Number	Kind Code					
	AA	5,324,401		Yeung et al.	06-28-1994			
	AB	5,741,411		Yeung et al.	04-21-1998			
	AC	5,900,934		Gilby et al.	05-04-1999			
	AD	5,954,931		Maracas et al.	09-21-1999			
	AE	6,462,816		Doolen et al.	10-08-2002			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS										
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		Office	Number	Kind Code					Yes	No*
	AF	WO	00/06996	A	CE Resources PTE	02-10-2000				

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Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
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